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The Honorable Sterling Johnson  
Senior United States District Judge  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
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March 26, 2008

Re: United States v. Sonia Henao  
Criminal Docket No. 06-CR-837 (SJ)

Your Honor:

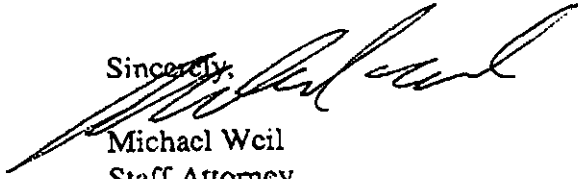
Sonia Henao is currently on bail pending sentence following her plea of guilty in this case, in which she is charged with money laundering in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(h).

Ms. Henao advises me her mother died yesterday and she requests permission to travel to Colombia for the funeral, scheduled for tomorrow. If permitted to travel, she will return within a week. Although her sentence is now set for April 4, 2008, I understand the Probation Department has sought to adjourn that date as the PSR is not yet complete.

Ms. Henao has been on pretrial release without incident since posting bond a few days after her October 2006 arrest. I am advised by Erin Rodriguez of Pretrial Services that she has positive reports from the District of New Jersey, where Ms. Henao is supervised, and that Pretrial Services does not object to this request. I have left a message asking AUSA Valerie Tocci her position but have yet to hear back from her. Ms. Henao is employed and has no criminal record.

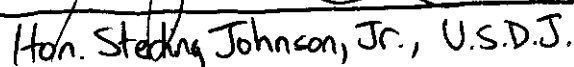
Finally, I have personally advised Ms. Henao that Colombia does extradite to the United States. I have also spoken with Ms. Henao's suretor, Flavio Sucuzhanay, who advises me he consents to a modification of her bail conditions to permit this travel. He has signed a statement so indicating, which I have attached. Mr. Sucuzhanay has posted his home to secure the bond.

Sincerely,

  
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cc: AUSA Valerie Tocci  
Pretrial Services

So Ordered  
On this 26 day of March, 2008.

  
Hon. Sterling Johnson, Jr., U.S.D.J.